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SUBJECT: VISIT BY INTERNATIONAL SOLAR COMMERCIALIZATION WORKING GROUP (ISCWG)

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- 1. CONSULATE WELCOMES VISIT BY ISCWG AND WILL ASSIST IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS DURING GROUP'S SOJOURN IN DHAHRAN JUNE 26 TO 29.
- 2. THERE IS MUCH INTEREST BUT LITTLE ACTIVITY IN SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS IN EASTERN PROVINCE OF SAUDI ARABIA. RESEARCH CENTER OF UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMS AMONG ITS ACTIVITIES, BUT AS YET RESEARCH CENTER IS LARGELY IN BUILDING AND ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE RATHER THAN OPERATION PHASE. HOWEVER, CENTER HAS RECEIVED CONCENTRATING SOLAR COLLECTORS FROM NORTHRUP INC. FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

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3. MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS CHIEF "TECHNOCRAT," DR. ZAMAL, HAS TOLD US THAT HIS MINISTRY AND HE PERSONALLY ARE EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO MOVE ON SOME FORM OF SOLAR-ENERGY PROJECT BUT THAT THIS INTEREST HAS NOT YET BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ACTION.

4. OFFICIALS FROM SAG, SAUDI UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES
ATTENDED "SOLTECH '78" CONFERENCE IN BAHRAIN IN APRIL, AND
THOSE DELEGATES WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN CAME AWAY FROM
CONFERENCE WITH RENEWED INTEREST IN PROMOTION OF SOLAR ENERGY
PROJECTS. THUS, ISCWG SHOULD GET WARM WELCOME IN THE KINGDOM
IN JUNE. COM/ECON OFFICER B. PAUL SCOGNA WILL BE CONTACT OFFICER
FOR VISIT.
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